

## RECIPIENTS OF GTA MONEY IN DECEMBER 2008

<http://www.matr.net/article-31964.html>

- CTW Energy, Inc., Bozeman, \$49,830 grant for the development of a cold-weather algae production system and algal biodiesel production facility.
- Western Feedstock Technologies, Inc., Bozeman, \$45,000 grant to assist in the development of a pilot-scale fructanosic ethanol plant which will utilize barley straw.
- North-West Pork Cooperative, Sun River, \$25,000 grant to assist with a membership drive, the development of an updated marketing plan, and the procurement of management funding.
- Montana Hog Marketing Association, Inc., Malta, \$25,000 grant for research and development of a feasibility study for a multi-species packing plant in the Great Falls area.
- Montana Monster Munchies, LLC, Bozeman, \$5,650 grant for the development of gluten-free recipes and the "gluten-free" certification of the product and the recipient's factory.
- Kenfield Wind Park I, LLC, Chester, \$6,000 grant for professional services related to the development of an interconnection agreement between the recipient and Northwest Energy.
- West Fork Creations, Inc. dba The King's Cupboard, Red Lodge, \$5,000 grant and \$5,000 loan to help the recipient attend the Winter Fancy food Show, Natural Products Expo West and Summer Fancy Food Show.
- Woolly Bugger Studios, Inc. dba Laurin School House Creamery, Sheridan, \$25,000 grant and \$25,000 loan for the construction of a mobile milking parlor and a sheep milk cheese production facility.
- Kathy Christensen, Elliston, \$13,691 grant to assist with the expansion of the recipient's natural egg production.
- Avery Peters, Ronan, \$32,500 grant to develop marketing materials, establish a marketing campaign, and to engineer and install a new heating and ventilation system for the recipient's greenhouse.

-- Rick Gibby, Big Timber, \$14,500 grant for market development related travel, design and printing of marketing materials and for the purchase and installation of a scale for natural lamb program.

-- Trevino's Tortillas, LLC, Billings, \$15,000 grant and \$15,000 loan for the purchase of equipment and supplies and materials.

-- Max Energy, LLC, Missoula, \$5,830 grant for research into the effects of gondoic acid and camelina oil on cancer cells.

During their presentations, the recipients committed a total of \$613,000 in matching funds and services to accomplish the projects.

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RECIPIENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2007

<http://agr.mt.gov/news/pr2007/prGTAfolo9-07.asp>

-- Going to the Sun Fiber Mill LLC, Kalispell, \$26,000 return-on-investment deferred loan for equipment to increase the mill's specialty weaving and spinning capacity and efficiency.

-- Vintage Cheese of Montana, LLC, Bozeman, \$15,000 grant for a market study to research potential wholesalers and retailers.

-- Lee's Worm Shack, Glendive, \$11,350 return-on-investment deferred loan for facility upgrades; \$10,700 grant for advertising and promotion of their worm business products.

-- Native Ideals Seed Company, LLC, Arlee, \$8,160 grant for marketing and promotion to assist in the development of a local market for grasses and wildflowers that are native to Montana.

-- Montana Organic Producers Cooperative, Boulder, \$22,350 grant for research of the regional and national organic grass-finished beef market.

-- Earl Fisher Bio-Fuels, LLP, Chester, \$44,400 grant for advertising and promotion of the business's products and oilseed meal market development.

-- Botanie Spa Organics, Inc., Missoula, \$25,000 return-on-investment deferred loan for market research of products that rely on Montana grown

organic safflower oil for a new product line.

-- Montana Fuel Technologies, Bozeman, \$15,000 grant for testing of the business's fuel additive product made from Camelina.

-- Montana Poultry Growers Cooperative, Ronan, \$16,000 return-on-investment deferred loan for equipment and supplies for the cooperative's mobile poultry processing facility; \$17,900 grant for design and development of the mobile processing unit, promotional material, and development of a project training program.

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#### RECIPIENTS IN OCTOBER 2005

<http://agr.mt.gov/news/pr2005/prGTAfolo10-05.asp>

-- Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation - business plan and marketing study for ethanol and ethanol by-products, Box Elder - \$50,000.00 Grant;

-- Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO) - printing of the Abundant Montana directory and website development for the directory, Helena - \$9,050.00 Grant;

-- Montana's Pioneer Products - advertising and promotional kiosks for chili products using buffalo meat and other meats, Billings - \$30,000 Loan, \$20,000 Grant;

-- Great Northern Development Corporation - northeastern Montana ethanol / cattle feeding feasibility study, Wolf Point - \$15,000.00 Grant;

-- Glendive Community GATE - feasibility study for a commercial kitchen / farm-to-table restaurant / microbrewery / local producers cooperative, Glendive - \$34,000.00 Grant;

-- Eastern Plains RC&D - evaluation of wheat and barley for ethanol production to be performed by the Eastern Agricultural Research Center, Sidney - \$50,000.00 Grant;

-- Montana Stockgrowers Association / Montana MarketManager - Follow the Cattle Tour 2006, Helena - \$8,400 Grant;

-- North-Missoula Community Development Corporation - business feasibility study, food distribution research, and strategic business plan for a North-Missoula food cooperative local foods venture, Missoula - \$37,580.00 Grant;

-- Sustainable Living Systems - formation of the Bitterroot Valley Food Co-op, market analysis, strategic action plan and business plan, and development of sales and marketing materials, Stevensville - \$31,005.00 Grant.

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